

**REMARKS**

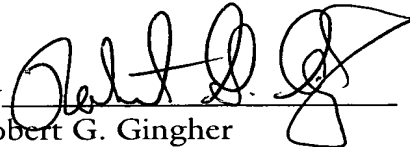
This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2003.

In paragraphs 2-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and (e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,465,053 to Lenssen et al. , U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0006017 A1 to Adelerhof, and Ku et al, "Precision X-Y Robotic Object Handling Using a Dual GMR Bridge Sensor." In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 2-5 are allowed. In order to expedite allowance of the application, applicants have canceled claim 1 without prejudice, and reserve the right to pursue this claim in, for example, a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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